9. The hospital indents and supply book of oxygen cylinders also confirmed that even on 3rd November 2001 sufficient number of oxygen cylinders were supplied. Because of continuous use of two ventilators, the bulk cylinders got exhausted and there was no central supply of oxygen for 12 hours. However, the record indicated that sufficient number of small oxygen cylinders are available in the ward.

10. Physical verification of the Neonatal intensive care unit and all the central oxygen system on 8th November, 2001 showed intact and continuous supply of oxygen and no malfunctioning in the machine or pipeline.

CONCLUSION

The eleven deaths at neonatal intensive care unit at KGMC, Lucknow was due to the serious primary condition of the patients and cannot be attributed to lack of oxygen.

Payment to local chemists attached to CGHS dispensaries

774. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of registered local chemists attached to each CGHS Allopathic and Ayurvedic Dispensary in Delhi and outside Delhi for supply of medicines;

(b) the reasons for registration of local chemists in CGHS dispensaries;

(c) the criteria for payment to the chemists for local purchase of medicines;

(d) whether registered chemists are facing lot of difficulties for late payment of their medicines;

(e) the pending payment of each chemist in Delhi, month-wise; and

(f) the details thereof and the reasons for not giving the payment to chemists in time?

THE MINISTER OF OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The details of registered local chemists attached to each CGHS Allopathic and Ayurvedic dispensary is given at Annexure [*See Appendix* 194, *Annexure No.* 9]

(b) The Authorised Local Chemists are registered to supply the listed/ non-listed medicines which are not available for supply to the CGHS beneficiaries against the individual valid prescription of the patient.

(c) The bills are submitted fortnightly by the local chemists which are then verified by the office of Additional Director, CGHS before payment. Payments for the bills which have been verified and found in order are made thereafter.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) The details of pending payment of each chemist of Delhi is given at Annexure [*See Appendix* 194, *Annexure No.* 9]

The reasons for delay are:— (i) In some cases, the local chemists have not submitted the bills timely to CMO Incharge of the dispensary with the result that the same are being received late in Zonal office as well as at CHGS (HQ), resulting in delay in payment. (ii) The Chief Medical Officer Incharge of the dispensaries have been given seven days time to examine the bills and submit to the Zonal office but in some cases, due to the Chief Medical Officer Incharge remaining on leave, the bills are being received in about 3 to 4 weeks time which result in delay. (iii) The Zonal Heads have been given two weeks time for examining the bills and onward submission to CHGS (HQ), but sometimes due to administrative exigencies, the bills which are supposed to be received in Head Quarter in two weeks time are being received in about 4 to 5 weeks time. (iv) Funds were not available with effect from October 01, 2001 to October 30, 2001 and therefor no bill was sent to Pay and Accounts Officer (CGHS), Delhi. On receipt of the funds, payments were made to all 49 Authorised Local Chemists of Delhi according to the register maintained in the Depot Accounts Section.

Infection cases in Burns Ward of Safdarjung Hospital

775. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the patients admitted in Burns Ward of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi develop infection;

(b) if so, the number of such cases of infection reported during the last one year;